



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commonwealth Transportation Board

THROUGH: Charles M. Badger
Agency Director

FROM: Kevin Page
Chief of Rail Transportation

DATE: December 16, 2009

SUBJECT: Monthly Amtrak Performance Report

DRPT is pleased to present the monthly performance report for Amtrak service in Virginia, summarizing October 2009 performance data. This monthly report provides a snapshot of current performance and recent trends. DRPT continues to work with Amtrak to refine data and to ensure that this monthly report is comprehensive.

The following key facts are based on October 2009 results and a year-over-year comparison of trends for October 2008 and October 2009.

Key Facts

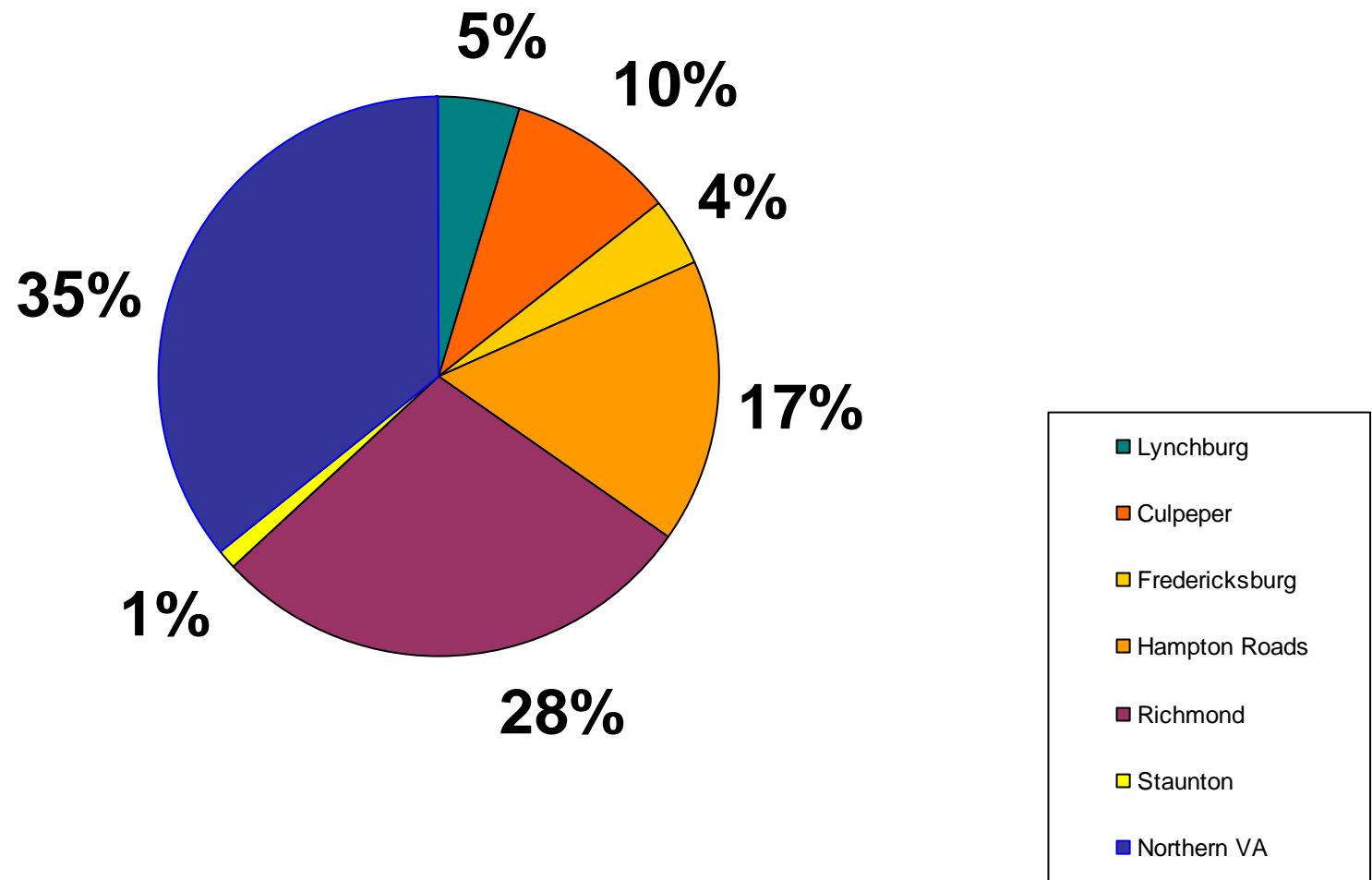
- Statewide year over year comparisons:
 - Virginia statewide Amtrak ridership for October 2009 increased by seven percent, as compared to October 2008, at 94,916.
 - Statewide on time performance for all Amtrak trains in Virginia was 63.3 percent in Oct. 09, an increase of 9.4 percent over Oct. 08.
 - The Northern Virginia district accounts for the majority of ridership at 35 percent, and the district with the greatest increase in ridership for Oct. 09 as compared to Oct. 08 is the Lynchburg district at 59 percent or 1,612 additional passengers.
 - October 2009 included one fewer weekday, one more weekend day and the same one holiday as October 2008.
- Statewide station comparisons:
 - Top five Virginia stations by total number of passengers in Oct. 09:

1. Staples Mill	20,564
2. Lorton	18,936
3. Alexandria	11,755
4. Newport News	9,845
5. Charlottesville	8,537
 - Top five Virginia stations by percentage passenger growth Oct. 08 - Oct. 09:

1. Lynchburg	68%
2. Manassas	54%
3. Culpeper	52%
4. Charlottesville	37%
5. Richmond Main St.	25%

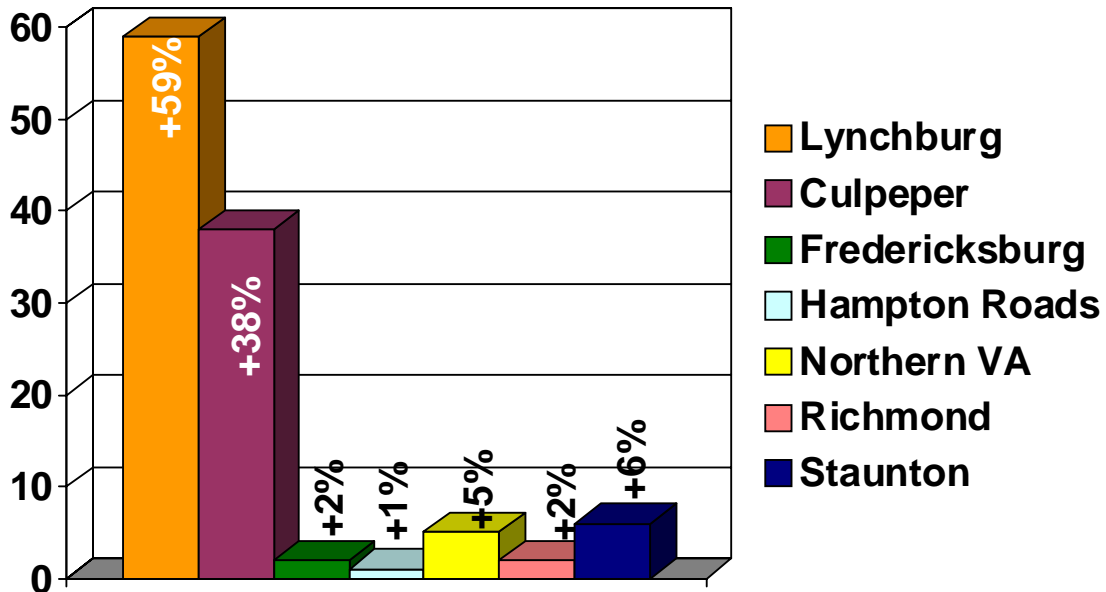
- Virginia-sponsored Amtrak service:
 - Lynchburg route- service began October 1, 2009
 - Total Lynchburg route ridership credited to Virginia in October 2009 was 8,585, exceeding the monthly target of 4,340 by 97 percent.
 - Total Lynchburg route revenue credited to Virginia in October 2009 was 414,410, exceeding the monthly target of \$219,139 by 89 percent.
 - On time performance for the Lynchburg route exceeded the statewide average by 12.1 percent, with 75.4 percent on time performance in Oct. 09.
 - While the first month's ridership results are promising, they are not typical since this is the first month of service operated. It is also important to consider the annual trends and end notes below.
 - Similar to transit ridership patterns, Amtrak ridership in Virginia fluctuates, with a typical decline in winter months and an increase in summer months. As these monthly ridership reports are developed, seasonal trends will be tracked.
- Top five bi-directional city pairs for the new Lynchburg route in Oct 09:
 1. Charlottesville – Washington, DC
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 3. Charlottesville – New York
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 5. Charlottesville – Philadelphia
- Amtrak annual trends FY2008- FY2009:
 - Annual trends are reported by Amtrak's fiscal year, from Oct 1 to Sept 30.
 - Statewide Amtrak ridership declined by 3 percent from FY08 to FY09, or from 1,016,134 to 1,031,276; however FY08 was a record-setting ridership year for Amtrak and FY09 was the second highest ridership year for Amtrak.
 - Ridership declined on all Virginia routes except the Palmetto with the greatest decline in bus service ridership to outlying areas and stations.
 - Of the Virginia routes, the Carolinian and the Silver Meteor lost the most ridership at nine percent, and the Auto Train had the least decline at one percent.
 - Ridership at all Virginia stations declined, except for Main Street Station, which had a 21.8 percent increase.
 - New Amtrak service to Lynchburg is not included in these totals since service began after the end of Amtrak's FY2009.
- End notes:
 - The first month of Amtrak's new fiscal year, October 2009, shows a seven percent increase in statewide ridership. These results signal a positive outlook for this year.
 - The Commonwealth is investing in Amtrak service to provide public benefits to all Virginians through highway congestion relief and the availability of new, cost effective and convenient travel choices.

Oct. 2009 Amtrak Ridership By District



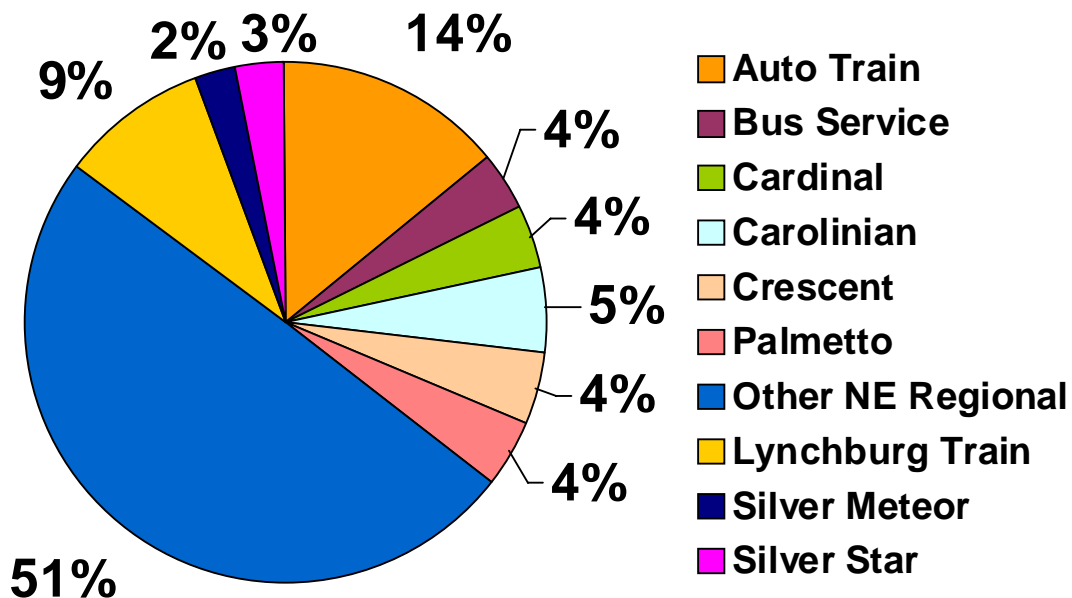
The Salem and Bristol districts are excluded because they currently do not have Amtrak service. Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Percentage Ridership Change by District Oct 08 – Oct 09



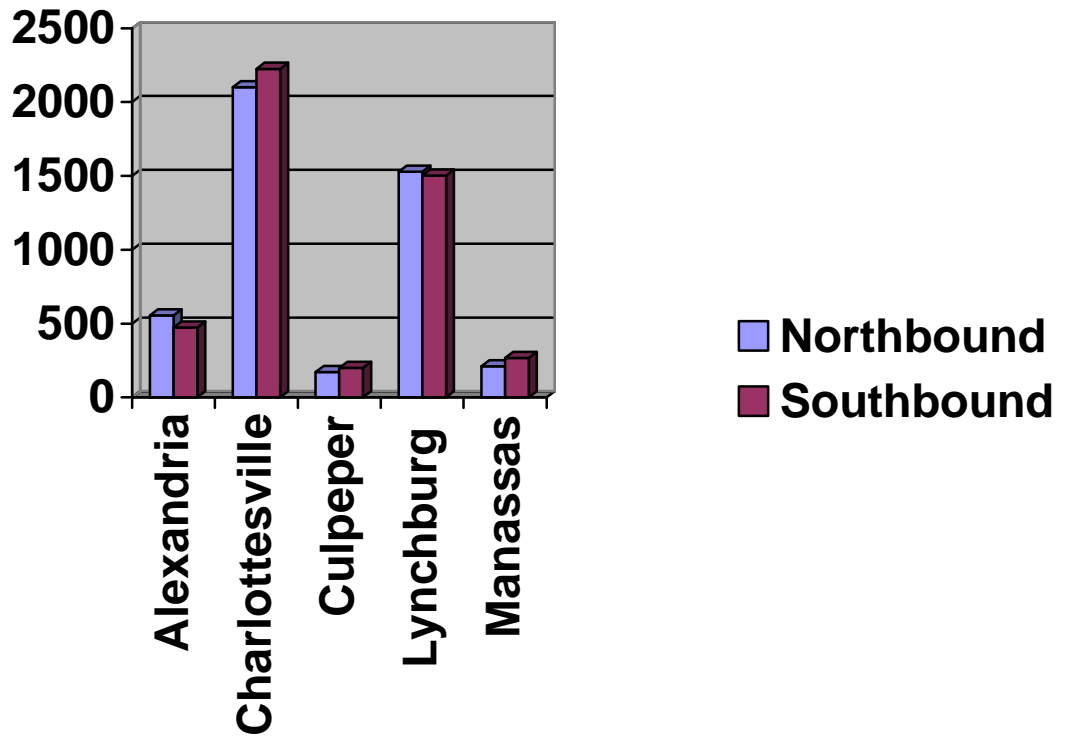
Statewide Amtrak ridership increased seven percent

October 2009 vs. October 2008 Statewide Amtrak Ridership by Service

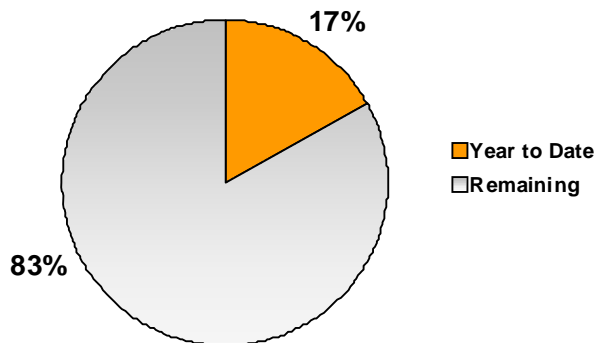


Total I-95 corridor: 82%, Total I-81/Route 29 corridor: 18%

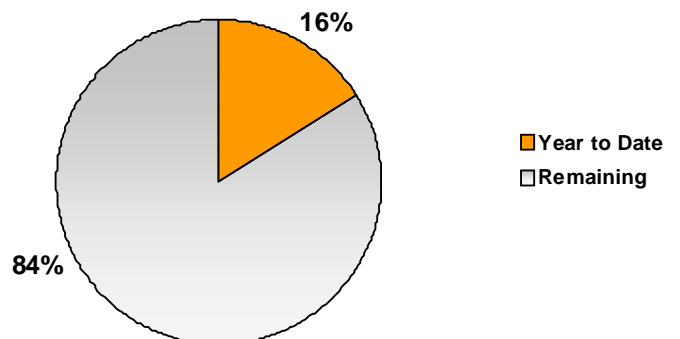
October 2009 Ridership Direction- New Lynchburg Service



New Lynchburg Route Progress Toward Annual Goals (Oct. 09)



Ridership
Year to date: 8,585
Annual goal: 51,000



Revenue
Year to date: \$414,410
Annual goal: \$2,580,000

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Transportation District	Total Passengers October 2009	Total Passengers October 2008	Percent Change	Fiscal Year-to- Date 2010 (July- Oct. 2009)	Fiscal Year-to- Date 2009 (July-Oct. 2008)	Percent Change
BRISTOL DISTRICT						
not applicable- no Amtrak service	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Total Bristol District Passengers	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
CULPEPER DISTRICT						
Culpeper Station	750	495	52%	2,000	1,800	11%
Charlottesville Station	8,537	6,248	37%	21,374	19,606	9%
Total Culpeper District Passengers	9,287	6,743	38%	23,374	21,406	9%
FREDERICKSBURG DISTRICT						
Fredericksburg Station	3,686	3,604	2%	15,219	14,223	7%
Total Fredericksburg District Passengers	3,686	3,604	2%	15,219	14,223	7%
HAMPTON ROADS DISTRICT						
Newport News Station	9,845	9,525	3%	49,241	52,034	-5%
Norfolk Bus Stop	949	857	11%	4,281	4,435	-3%
Virginia Beach Bus Stop	511	531	-4%	3,740	3,841	-3%
Williamsburg Station	4,385	4,634	-5%	18,529	18,969	-2%
Total Hampton Roads District Passengers	15,690	15,547	1%	75,791	79,279	-4%
LYNCHBURG DISTRICT						
Lynchburg Station	3,777	2,249	68%	8,944	7,904	13%
Danville Station	584	500	17%	2,234	2,125	5%
Total Lynchburg District Passengers	4,361	2,749	59%	11,178	10,029	11%
NORTHERN VIRGINIA DISTRICT						
Alexandria Station	11,755	11,026	7%	43,066	41,514	4%
Franconia-Springfield Station	267	310	-14%	945	1,079	-12%
Lorton Station	18,936	18,641	2%	79,190	77,889	0%
Manassas Station	1,150	748	54%	3,202	2,948	9%
Quantico Station	1,320	1,229	7%	5,491	5,372	2%
Woodbridge Station	493	433	14%	2,363	2,367	0%
Total Northern Virginia District Passengers	33,921	32,387	5%	134,257	131,169	2%
RICHMOND DISTRICT						
Ashland Station	1,431	1,360	5%	6,249	5,753	9%
Main St. Station	2,529	2,016	25%	9,352	8,897	5%
Petersburg Station	2,202	2,134	3%	7,613	7,022	8%
Staples Mill Station	20,564	20,798	-1%	86,538	90,566	-4%
Total Richmond District Passengers	26,726	26,308	2%	109,752	112,238	-2%
SALEM DISTRICT						
not applicable- no Amtrak service	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Total Salem District Passengers	0	0	0%	0	0	0%

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STAUNTON DISTRICT						
Staunton Station	799	649	23%	2,274	2,131	7%
Clifton Forge Station	446	530	-16%	1,545	1,656	-7%
Total Staunton District Passengers	1,245	1,179	6%	3,819	3,787	1%
TOTAL STATEWIDE PASSENGERS	Total Statewide Passengers October 2009	Total Statewide Passengers October 2008	Percent Change	FYTD 2010 (July-Oct. 2009)	FYTD 2009 (July-Oct. 2008)	Percent Change
	94,916	88,517	7%	373,390	372,131	0%
CALENDAR COMPARISON	October 2009	October 2008	Percent Change	FYTD 2010 (July-Oct. 2009)	FYTD 2009 (July-Oct. 2008)	Percent Change
Number of Weekdays	21	22	-5%	85	86	-1%
Number of Weekend days	9	8	13%	35	34	3%
Number of Holidays	1	1	0%	3	3	0%
RIDERSHIP BY SERVICE	October 2009	October 2008	Percent Change	FYTD 2010 (July-Oct. 2009)	FYTD 2009 (July-Oct. 2008)	Percent Change
Auto Train	18,936	18,641	2%	79,190	77,889	2%
Bus Service	3,720	4,127	-10%	18,430	20,373	-10%
Cardinal	3,768	3,518	7%	12,303	12,360	0%
Carolinian	5,413	6,391	-15%	22,421	22,374	0%
Crescent	4,383	7,880	-44%	22,416	26,853	-17%
New Lynchburg Service	9,273	n/a	n/a	9,273	n/a	n/a
Other Northeast Regional	39,920	39,333	1%	178,026	182,502	-2%
Palmetto	4,038	3,160	28%	13,190	11,284	17%
Silver Meteor	2,325	2,214	5%	7,291	7,468	-2%
Silver Star	3,140	3,253	-3%	10,580	11,028	-4%
Total Ridership By Service	94,916	88,517	7%	373,120	372,131	0%
ON-TIME PERFORMANCE	October 2009	October 2008	Percent Change	FYTD 2010 (July-Oct. 2009)		
Statewide on-time performance	63.3%	53.9%	9.4%	60.3%		
Lynchburg route on-time performance	75.4%	n/a	n/a	n/a		

NOTES:

- Amtrak performance is impacted by a number of factors to include: land use, population density, seasonal changes, service changes, number of days in a particular month, weather, fuel price, economic conditions and fare adjustments. The best method for comparison is current month's performance compared to the previous year's performance for that month.
- Amtrak passenger data for each station represents the number of people who are either boarding or disemarking from the train at each station. This does not equate to state ridership totals for the new Lynchburg train, which are calculated separately.